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NSF FOR DR. CZIESLA AND DR. EDWARDS FROM VREBALOVICH

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS TO SOLAR ENERGY CONGRESS

REF: (A) STATE 166361; (B) NEW DELHI 10025; (C) NEW DELHI 9292

1. SCICOUNS SPOKE TO D. SCHNEIDERMAN, JPL, AFTER RECEIPT OF REF A AS WELL AS DR. A. RAMACHANDRAN AND DR. R.D. DESHPANDE OF DST. RAMACHANDRAN AND DESHPANDE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE TO INDO-US COLLABORATION OF HAVING BOTH SCHNEIDERMAN AND H.M. SCHURMEIER PARTICIPATE IN THE SOLAR ENERGY CONGRESS, DEVELOP AND FINALIZE PROPOSALS, AND VISIT, CONSULT AND EVALUATE SOLAR ENERGY WORK AND FACILITIES IN INDIA.

2. FURTHERMORE K.N. JOHRY, CSIR, WHO RECENTLY VISITED THE US UNDER THE NSF EXCHANGE PROGRAM WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT HIS JPL VISIT AND WAS PLEASED THAT SCHNEIDERMAN AND SCHURMEIER MIGHT COME TO THE SOLAR ENERGY CONGRESS. IN FACT HE WANTS THEM TO CONSULT WITH CSIR AND VISIT CSIR LABORATORIES. HE SAID THAT IF NECESSARY HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE NSF CONSIDER SPONSORING THEM UNDER THE NSF-CSIR EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIST PROGRAM. IN FACT HE WOULD LIKE SCHNEIDERMAN AND SCHURMEIER TO
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BE CONSIDERED TO BE HIGHER PRIORITY THAN ANY AMERICAN SCIENTISTS WHERE NAMES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO NSF.

3. SCICOUNS FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT NEW GOI CLEARANCE PROCEDURE DESCRIBED IN REF C WILL RELIEVE LOG JAM OF PROJECTS HELD UP BY EDUCATION MINISTRY. AS REF C POINTED OUT, THE DST SCREENING COMMITTEE WILL SCREEN

ALL PROJECTS FROM THE EDUCATION MINISTRY.NSF SHOULD CONSIDER THAT PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND FINALIZATION BE SUPPORTED AGAIN. THE NSF'S ROLE IN COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS WILL BE ON THE INCREASE.

4. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH JPL, DST AND CSIR PERSONNEL MENTIONED ABOVE, SCICOUNS SUGGESTS THAT NSF SEND SCHNEIDERMAN AND SCHURMEIER TO INDIA FOR THE SOLAR ENERGY CONGRESS AND FOR PURPOSES NOTED IN PARAGRAPHS ONE AND TWO FOR AT LEAST A THREE WEEK PERIOD. THEY WOULD PRESENT REVIEW PAPERS ON JPL SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS. DESHPANDE AND DR. GURURAJA, DST, CONCUR IN THIS.

5. SCICOUNS AND DST APPRECIATE ATTENTION DR. EDWARDS, NSF, HAS GIVEN TO THIS REQUEST AND LOOK FORWARD TO A TIMELY POSITIVE RESPONSE.

6. ACTION FOR SECSTATE: PASS TO D. SCHNEIDERMAN, JET PROPULSION LABORATORY, PASADENA IN RESPONSE TO REF A.GOHEEN

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